

# Minutes

## Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy

### Board Meeting

Wednesday Oct 24, 2012 @ 4:00 PM at 7 Fatima Drive, Cumberland RI

#### **Board Members Present**

K. Vaudreuil, J. Morton, P. Carey, D. McKee

#### **Guests Present**

J. Chiappetta, S. Cuello, J. LoPiccolo, D. Waugh

### **I. Opening Items**

#### **Call the Meeting to Order**

D. McKee called a meeting of the board of trustees of Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy to order on Wednesday Oct 24, 2012 @ 4:10 PM at 7 Fatima Drive, Cumberland RI.

#### **Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting**

P. Carey made a motion to approve minutes for 9-24 meeting.

J. Morton seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Vaudreuil, Morton, McKee, Carey Nay: None.

#### **Board Chair Remarks**

D. McKee stated how proud he was that our scholars were able to go to NH and listen to President Obama speak. It was a great opportunity, it shows the flexibility and the value of a school that is school based managed how we were able to put this together in one day. This was a positive experience for all our scholars. J. Chiappetta commented on how every child had the opportunity to see this and how proud he was to see 260 out of 280 scholars show up at the school before 6am to be able to attend. M. DeMatteo said this was a great experience and the scholars really enjoyed it.

### **II. Governance**

#### **Employee Policies**

J. Morton made a motion to approve employee policies as amended.

K. Vaudreuil seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Vaudreuil, Morton, McKee, Carey Nay: None.

#### **Family/Scholar Policies**

J. Morton made a motion to approve family/scholar policies.

P. Carey seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. J. Chiappetta explained how these policies are the same as the family scholar handbook that parents have signed off on. Aye: Vaudreuil, Morton, McKee, Carey Nay: None.

#### **Access to Public Records Policy**

J. Morton made a motion to approve public record policy.

P. Carey seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Vaudreuil, Morton, McKee, Carey Nay:

None .

JC- Counsel has informed us that we have to appoint a public records officer who will be trained appropriately and we will comply with all laws, as we have in the past. DW- To date, the mayoral academy has always complied with the Access to Public Records Act, although it is not clear that the Act applies to the mayoral academy. The board, if it adopts the Access to Public Records Policy, will be committing the mayoral academy to compliance with the Access to Public Records Act. If, instead, the board desires to have a determination made, a written request for a ruling can be submitted to the Attorney General.

### **Disclosure relating to BVP contract**

J. Loppiccolo stated that the leading candidate for the Science position in Christie Chiappetta. To date we have only had three applicants and only 1 eligible for this position which is posted on our public website. This position reports directly to DOA (ex. perf., salary, work structure). D. Waugh states that the hiring decision should be made by the board. P. Carey states as long as it is transparent and we have proof that she is more qualified. J. Chiappetta spoke to the Ethics committee and stated this can go in front of their advisory and they can give their opinion/ruling. (at their next meeting is in November) J.L. support is needed for our science teachers asap. The Board suggested the DOA (L. McEwen) should make the request to ethics commission to request their opinion and approval should come back to the board.

J. Morton made a motion to postpone consideration until the results/opinion of the Ethics Commission. P. Carey seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Vaudreuil, Morton, McKee, Carey Nay: None.

## **III. Consent Agenda**

### **Executive Director Report**

J. Chiappetta stated that Dr. Thornton visiting our school was very exciting as was our scholars being able to hear a sitting president speak. BVP is working on our board dashboard that will show the board by month where we are on one sheet on numerous items. This is a level of reporting data that will help the board stronger when making decisions.

### **Financial Update**

Report was reviewed on hand and discussed. Revenue is going to be a little higher than projected in our budget due to enrollment rates.

## **IV. BVP Charter Renewal Update**

### **Charter Renewal Update and Scheduling**

J. Chiappetta stated we will be scheduling individual meetings to prepare everyone for March meeting.

## **V. Facilities Update**

### **Short & Long Term Facility Planning**

J. Chiappetta stated we are processing survey from staff regarding facilities. This survey was also sent home to families last Friday. Superior Academic quality has been the response from most of our families (we only have around 150 responses to date). D. McKee discussed possible sights, one in Pawtucket also one in the Manville side in Lincoln.

## **VI. Executive Session**

### **Go Into Executive Session**

J. Morton made a motion to go into executive session.

K. Vaudreuil seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Vaudreuil, Carey, McKee, Morton Nay:None.

## VII. Executive Session

### **Reopen Meeting to the public**

K. Vaudreuil made a motion to reopen meeting to the public.

J. Morton seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Vaudreuil, Morton, McKee, Carey Nay: None.

### **Minutes of Executive Session**

K. Vaudreuil made a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session.

P. Carey seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Vaudreuil, Morton, McKee, Carey Nay: None.

## VIII. Public Comment

### **Public Comment**

Meeting time- 5:00pm on Mondays.

## IX. Closing Items

### **Adjourn Meeting**

J. Morton made a motion to adjourn.

K. Vaudreuil seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Vaudreuil, Morton, McKee, Carey Nay: None.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 05:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
S. Cuello